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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE DESCRIPTION:

On page 3, line 13-14, delete "di-electrically" and insert therefor —di-electrically--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Amended) A spill containment system for containing a hazardous spilled substance from a battery, the spill containment system comprising:

a containment rail system defining an area for housing at least one battery;

a liner placed within the area defined by the containment rail system, the liner being resistant to damage from the spilled substance; and

a material placed within the area of the containment rail system, the material absorbing and chemically neutralizing the spilled substance from the battery so that the hazardous nature of the spilled substance to humans or material/structures is reduced.

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